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Prior Application Art Unit: 3731

Prior Application Examiner: D. Davis

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/891,663, filed June 27, 2001, of Todd A. HALL et al. for STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/710,884, filed November 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,409,751, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/150,181, filed September 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,196,230.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the drawings, and executed Declaration as originally filed. The attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/891,663 as originally filed on June 27, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
3. ☐ Cancel Claims \_\_\_\_\_, without prejudice or disclaimer.
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee, including the extra claims fee, is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$750	\$ 750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	
Total Claims	14	-	20	0	x \$18 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$84 0.00
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Subtotal					\$ 750.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE					\$ 375.00

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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting, after the title at page 1 of the specification, the following new paragraph:  
  
--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/891,663, filed June 27, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/710,884, filed November 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,409,751, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/150,181, filed September 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,196,230, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--
9. ☐ A Submission of Formal Drawings is enclosed.
10. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Percardia, Inc.
11. ☐ Priority of Application No. [Text], filed on [Text] in [Country] is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
  
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
12. ☒ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
13. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Heftner, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilly, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg.

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14. ☒ Since the power does not appear in the original Declaration of the prior application, a copy of the Revocation of Power of Attorney/Power of Attorney document in the prior application is enclosed.
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16. PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/891,663, filed June 27, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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